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Five Cents

MARE ISLAND

By W. E. SPARGER

I guess some of you Gyrenes scattered throughout the world are getting tired of hearing me continually spouting about our ball team, but we have a real one, and if you are tired of my hot air, just trot out you old team and watch them be devoured. Although we lost one of our best pitchers when Corporal Zenman was discharged this week, we have enough good box material to keep things moving along in the right direction, with the West Coast Championship as the objective.

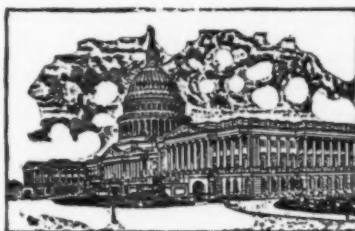
In Saturday's game with the Bonestells of San Francisco (which the Marines won, 18 to 1) four circuit clouts and ten runs were registered by the Mare Island aggregation in the first frame. The homers were made by Monties, DeMartini, Zenman and Hrisko. The visitors scored their lone tally in the fifth. The team standing for the season is .3125, so think it over, Quantico, before you claim the Leatherneck Championship.

Everything around Mare Island is about the same as ever, quiet and peaceful. This week 1st Sgt. Burns joined our throng from the U. S. S. *Arizona*, and Sgts. Carnes and Henderson were paid off. Sgt. Henderson states that he is shipping over for Pearl Harbor, that volcanic disturbance affects him not at all.

Col. John F. McGill, formerly Commanding Officer, and Maj. Russell H. Davis, formerly Post Quartermaster, have been detached; the former to duty at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., and Major Davis to the Marine Barracks, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.

Several of the men are now out at the range firing the preliminaries for qualification, and from all indications they are going to make some of the other stations sit up and take notice. The work of Sgt. Cruickshank at the six hundred range, so it is said, would make some of our best shots sit up and take notice.

Several of the men attached to this post are having quite a time touring this part of the state. The Napa Valley region, where one of the great petrified forests are found, attracts most of these parties. Sgt. Germer says that the work of the Indian sculptors completely eclipses anything done by the ancient Greeks, and that their work is in a marvelous state of preservation.



WASHINGTON NEWS

The fourth Clerical Schools Detachment has finished its work at the Marine Barracks, and the members are now awaiting transfer to the various Marine Corps posts where stenographers and clerks are required.

This school was unique in that it was operated independently from the Marine Corps Institute, in so far as the grading of lesson papers is concerned. It is the unanimous opinion of those who have observed the progress of the various classes composing the detachment that the class just ended has furnished the Marine Corps with the largest number of competent clerks and stenographers thus far graduated.

The following named men, in the order of their final class standing, have completed the course of instruction:

Pvt. 1cl. Lester W. McCright, Pvt. Addis B. Clelland, Pvt. Herbert M. Pratt, Pvt. Raymond J. Nolan, Pvt. 1cl. Thomas J. McCaffrey, Pvt. John C. McAuliffe, Pvt. Theodore Edwards, Pvt. Lawrence McCall, Pvt. Joseph H. Burgen, Pvt. Gilbert B. Thomson, Pvt. Kenneth L. Shaw, Pvt. Robert C. McBryde, Pvt. 1cl. Noverta R. Clayton, Pvt. 1cl. Barry M. Bond, Pvt. 1cl. Julius Balough, Pvt. Walter F. Groene, Pvt. Russell D. Taylor, Pvt. Edward A. Moynihan, Pvt. Fred W. Stillings.

Private McCright, who led the class with a grade of 97.54, has been transferred to the Adjutant and Inspector's Department, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

Private Edwards has been transferred to the Marine Corps Rifle and Pistol Team, Quantico, Va., for duty as clerk.

Pvt. Lawrence McCall has been attached to the staff of THE LEATHERNECK as an associate editor.

Subsequent transfers of the other members of the detachment will be announced later. The next Clerical Schools Detachment is scheduled to begin work on or about July 1, next.

Pvt. Charles W. Meinberg has been detached from the staff of THE LEATHERNECK and transferred to duty in the Adjutant and Inspector's Department, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

WITH THE "CLEVELAND" IN CENTRAL AMERICA

By PVT. W. F. SELTMANN

The U. S. S. *Cleveland* is a second class cruiser, attached to the Special Service Squadron, whose duty is to patrol the southern waters. The Marine detachment aboard numbers thirty-six enlisted men and a Marine officer, 2d Lieut. Bemis. The vessel averages three trips south in two years, the southern trips consuming about six months.

The story opens at the Navy Yard, Charlestown, Massachusetts, where the *Cleveland* was undergoing extensive repairs when orders came to proceed to Honduras for the protection of American interests in the South American republic. The *Cleveland* left Boston on the second day of March, en route to Puerto Cortes, Honduras. A stop was made at Key West six days later for coal and provisions. When Puerto Cortes was reached on the 11th all was in readiness for an immediate landing force, heavies having been rolled and all the necessary equipment provided.

The *Cleveland* had no sooner dropped anchor, however, than the American consul paid an official visit and informed the Captain that cessation of hostilities rendered our services unnecessary, much to the disappointment of everybody.

At Ceiba the *Cleveland* encountered the flagship, the U. S. S. *Denver*. After a conference with the Admiral aboard the *Denver*, our skipper made for Puerto Castillo, fifty miles further up the coast, where there had been considerable trouble. As to Puerto Cortes, hostilities ceased upon our arrival. We remained at Puerto Castillo for several days, liberty being granted every afternoon.

At this port we witnessed the capture of a Nicaraguan who had tried to escape from the country on an out-going banana boat, after having cheated the natives out of considerable money in some financial deal or other. The squad of rebel forces who captured him marched him to the jail, where they lost no time in shooting him.

After receiving word that the *Denver* had quitted Honduran waters, the *Cleveland* got under way for Tela, and after patrolling in the vicinity of this port we returned to Puerto Cortes.

At last we returned to Key West, and it was a happy bunch that hailed the shores of the United States again. But our joy was short lived, for at Key West we hurriedly coaled ship again and immediately got under way for Progreso, Mexico, to relieve the U. S. S. *Tulsa*.

(To be continued)

OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO,
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

The gang here are all out on the diamond throwing the old pill around once more, and have displayed plenty of vim and vigor during the first few days' practice. We are preparing to put up a good fight for the retention of the Hasco Baseball Cup, and the first battle of the season will be with the gobs of the U. S. S. Woodcock. With the team under the able leadership of Capt. Moore, it is hard for any of us to be pessimistic—some of the gang don't concede our opponents a chance.

Gy. Sgt. McCullough and family boarded the U. S. S. Argonne on May 12, bound for the West Coast and sixty days' furlough. We all wish Gy. Sgt. McCullough bon voyage and a pleasant time on his well-earned furlough.

The office force have proven their ability as fast workers by moving all their desks, cabinets and other office equipment from the old office building to the Sick Bay, which was chosen as a temporary office building during the construction of a new one. The construction of the new building is under the supervision of Capt. Jones, the assistant engineer officer.

We are soon to compete for the T. P. Kane Athletic Cup which was taken from us last December by the 196th Company. As soon as the competition is over, it will be back on our C. O.'s desk, where it will stay for the remainder of its life.

WASHINGTON MARINES TRIM SEAMAN GUNNERS

On May 31 the Marines of the Washington Barracks met the Seaman Gunners and administered a 4-1 beating. Schmidt pitched big-league ball and disposed of the opposing batters with ease. Two hits were all the Gunners could collect. The pitching of Schmidt was the feature of the game.

On the 3d, the Barracks Marines lost a tough one to the Fort Humphreys outfit. Wies pitched winning ball, but erratic fielding lost the game. Score, 9-7. On the fifth the strong Fort Humphreys aggregation repeated, this time 11-4. The game was a veritable comedy of errors, as Schmidt allowed only nine hits.

	Standing			
	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Fort Humphreys.....	3	3	0	1.000
Naval Air Station.....	6	4	2	.667
Navy Yard Marines.....	3	1	2	.333
Marine Barracks.....	5	1	4	.200
Bolling Field.....	1	0	1	.000
Wash. Barracks.....	0	0	0
Walter Reed.....	0	0	0

Results of Games

Naval Air Station 11, Navy Yard Marines 6. (Postponed game.)

Fort Humphreys 9, Marine Barracks 7.

Naval Air Station 11, Navy Yard Marines 1.

Fort Humphreys 11, Marine Barracks 4.

Naval Air Station 3, Navy Yard Marines 4.

Naval Air Station 5, Marine Barracks 3.

MARINE CORPS
NOTES

More than two hundred officers and their friends attended a reception on the evening of June 2 in honor of Brig. Gen. Dion Williams at the Marine Camp, Quantico, Va., which occasion marked the promotion of Gen. Williams from colonel, and also the formal opening of the new Officers' Club.

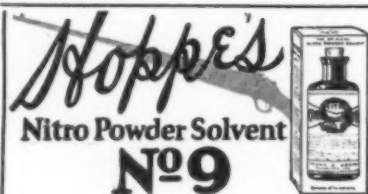
At precisely midnight, when General Williams' official promotion took place, according to the order making him a brigadier general, all lights were extinguished except a searchlight focused on the center of the hall. Strings were then pulled releasing a new Marine brigadier general's flag in the center of the spotlight, and the appropriate honors for the new general officer were rendered.

Following this ceremony, General Williams was presented by Col. Harry Lay, on behalf of the Quantico staff, two new silver stars.

Directions have been issued by Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, Commandant of the Marine Corps, that all commissioned Marine Corps officers who have had less than twenty years' service, enroll themselves not later than December 31, 1924, in the Marine Corps Institute and satisfactorily complete within a period of four years a correspondence course in either Spanish or French.

An exception is made, however, that if an officer completes satisfactorily either one of the above mentioned languages at any recognized educational institution, or is at present making a study of the Chinese or Japanese language, he may be exempted from taking the correspondence course.

This order was issued, it is understood, because so many Marine Corps officers spend so much of their time in foreign lands, and as their duties necessitate their communicating with the inhabitants in foreign countries, it is contended by the authorities in the Marine Corps that they should be able to speak either of the two languages.



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COLONEL WILLIAMS PROMOTED

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WASHINGTON BOARD OF TRADE
VISITS QUANTICO

The Washington Board of Trade journeyed to Quantico, Va., on May 22 to hold its thirtieth annual shad bake, and what had promised to be one glorious day was ruined by a deluge of rain almost at the start of the day's program.

Arriving at noon on the steamer *St. John*, the party was immediately conveyed to the Aviation Field, where arrangements had been made to hold the bake.

A very interesting program had been arranged. An open-air ring had been erected and a snappy card of boxing bouts was on the bill. It had been planned to put the bouts on immediately following the luncheon, after which the Aviation Squadron was to demonstrate over-water bombing, aerial combat, etc., for a period of about thirty minutes. Then the guests were to have been escorted to the ball park to witness the game between the Quantico Marines and Western Maryland College.

Luncheon had just been finished and the first bout was still in progress when the sky became overcast. The second boxing event was fought in a down-pour and was no sooner finished than the deluge broke. After a mad rush for shelter, all hands were transported to the Post Gymnasium, where the remainder of the bouts were staged.

The Post Band, under the direction of 1st Sergeant Brown, furnished an excellent and well-selected musical program. The visitors showed their appreciation of the efforts made by General Williams and his staff to entertain them by presenting a check for \$1,000 to the post athletic fund in behalf of the Washington Board of Trade.

QUANTICO SCHOOL HOLDS PICNIC

The Post School at Marine Barracks, Quantico, held its annual picnic on May 26. The trip was made by water, and pleasant weather made the sail down the Potomac River a most delightful one for the kiddies in the party.

Miss Kate Mitchell, principal of the school, had prepared her students for the trip by conducting a special study of the points of interest to be noted, in connection with their study of American history. This plan, of combining pleasure and instruction, was a great success, and created an interest among the children which would not ordinarily be had.

Maj. Charles F. B. Price, president of the school board, took the children to visit historic Mount Vernon. About sixty children of the officers and enlisted men on duty at Quantico made the trip, and a number of their parents accompanied the party.



THE MAN PAYS

Ann of the Follies—"I have a husband with money galore."

Stella—"Why, dearie, you never told me you were married."

Ann—"I'm not—he isn't my husband."

Husband—Can you tell me of my wife's whereabouts?

Butler—Perhaps you will find them in the laundry, sir.—*Pitt Panther.*

A married woman once said to her husband: "You have never taken me to the cemetery."

"No, my dear," replied he. "That is a pleasure I have yet in anticipation."

Little Freshman—"Look, mamma, the circus has come to town, and there's one of the clowns."

Mama—"Hush, darling! That's not a clown. That's just one of those college men."—*Western.*

DESCRIBED TO A T

"Can you give me a good description of your absconding cashier?" suavely asked the detective.

"We-ell," answered the hotel proprietor, "I believe he's about five feet five inches tall and about seven thousand dollars short."—*American Legion Weekly.*

Little Boy: Mother, are there men angels in heaven?

Mother: Why certainly, dear.

Little Boy: But, mother, I never saw any pictures of angels with whiskers.

Mother: No, dear, men get in with a close shave.—*Exchange.*

Were you inactive last month? You owe it to yourself to submit at least one paper a month.

UP TO SPECIFICATION

"Your son must be the idol of the family."

"Yes. He has been idle for twenty-one years."—*Penn. State Froth.*

"Who is the world's most famous highwayman?"

"Jessie James?"

"Nope. Atlas. He holds up the world."

HEAVENLY TWINS

"Well, Pat, do the twins make much noise nights?"

"Praise be to hivin! Shure each wan cries so hard yez can't hear the ither wan."—*Boston Transcript.*

She sat on the steps in the eventide,

Enjoying the balmy air;

He came and asked, could he sit by her side,

And she gave him a vacant stair.

—*Lehigh Burr.*

Chief (to waitress)—"How's the chicken today?"

Waitress—"Oh, I'm just fine, thank you."

"What was the idea of trying to kiss me when the lights went out?"

"Oh, just force of habit, I guess."

SUGGESTED REMEDY

"What is the surest cure for love at first sight?"

"Second sight."—*Stanford Chaparral.*

"Why has the crowd been hanging around the entrance to the court house all day?"

"Several bootleggers are on trial, and it is rumored that the judge has threatened to throw a case out of court."—*American Legion Weekly.*

Senior—Who is she?

Junior—She's Helen Carrs.

"How is she in the porch swing?"—*Pitt Panther.*

"Gladys is a pretty nice girl, take her all around."

"Yes, if you take her all around."—*Penn. Bunch Bowl.*

AND IT WAS SO!

"Ho, Squire," cried Sir Launcelot, "bring me a can opener, I have a flea in my knight-clothes."—*California Petican.*



SAMBO SAYS

It is usually harder to explain a wrong than to do one.

TIMELY FEE

Judge: Have you a lawyer in court to prove that you didn't steal the watch?

Ephraim: Yo' honor, he says he won't 'blige me dat way, 'less Ah gives him de chain, too!

Arden Suitor: Sir, I want your daughter for my wife.

Irate Father: Young man, go home and tell your wife she can't have my daughter.—*Georgia Yellow Jacket.*

First Man: What kind of leather makes the best shoes?

Second Man: I don't know, but banana skins make the best slippers.—*Iowa Green Gander.*

She (exponent of finishing school): I hear you drink.

Second She (soused): Thash a dirty lie, I ain't makin' a shound.—*Rice Owl.*

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SHOVEL

Fond Father: What are you going to do for a living?

Son: Write.

Father: Write what?

Son: Home.—*Ohio Green Gander.*

Fat Lady (at circus side-show): Help, help! The sword-swallower is choking to death on a fish bone!—*Le Journal Amusant (Paris).*

Parson: Brother Jones, does your daughter trust in heaven?

Brother J.: She must—judging from company she keeps.—*Utah Humbug.*

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MORE "LEATHERNECK"

Beginning with the next issue, THE LEATHERNECK will be increased in size to twelve pages. It is hoped that this increase will make for added popularity and new interest in the publication.

The next venture will be a resumption of the post special issues, none of which have been printed since March. Material for these special issues is now being collected, and it is hoped that the first of a long series will appear very soon.

THE LEATHERNECK will continue to increase in size, in scope, in attractiveness; it will begin to take on the proportions of a regular magazine; it will one day be a paper in which every Marine may take pride—if every Marine will help.

The first and most important thing to do is to get a subscription. Then it will be your paper and you will have a right to tell its editors what you want to see in it—something, by the way, the editors are very anxious to know. If you run across a snappy joke, if you happen to have a good picture or two, send it in with a few words of explanation and let us all have the benefit of it.

Is your post being well represented in the columns of THE LEATHERNECK? Do you find it written up every two or three weeks? Other Marines throughout the Corps are anxious to read about you and your buddies. Don't keep them in suspense. Sit down and write a letter to the editor, just as you would write a letter home to a friend or an acquaintance. Forget that you are writing for a paper; forget that your stuff is going to be printed. We'll leave your name out if you don't want to see it in print.

Get your friends interested. We want to hear from everybody. And you really ought to have a subscription. THE LEATHERNECK is needed. It will fail without your help. DO IT NOW!

SAIL HO!

The Navy is long on games and sports in general, and it is a poor ship or naval station indeed that cannot offer something daily in the way of athletic entertainment. Competition is always keen, and the spirit of rivalry is never more intense than when a Navy-Marine bout is on the card.

The Pearl Harbor Weekly, a very fine publication representing the 14th Naval District, has first a word of cheer for the Pearl Harbor Marine Rifle Team, which finished last in the San Diego Trophy Match, recently won by the San Diego team.

"The Marine team has won the admiration of the command by putting up such a good battle against the odds they had to contend with. They will be back in Pearl Harbor shortly and we hope to be able to give them a fitting welcome, just as though they had been the victors, for they did their best."

With justifiable pride, the Pearl Harbor Weekly commends the Naval Air Station team who "invaded the camping ground of the Marines on May 14 to decide who the real league-leader was."

"The Marines haven't a word to say. It was a good game for five innings, as far as the Marines were concerned, but the ice broke in the sixth," and at the end of the game Naval Air Station had a total of eight runs. "which compares favorably with the three the Marines were able to muster."

"The most important single athletic event that is held in San Pedro was pulled on schedule time," according to The Idaho Yarn, "Spun by the Crew, for the Crew" of the U. S. S. Idaho, "when the U. S. S. Mississippi won the Examiner Cup Race on Memorial Day."

"The Idaho was a close second in this event in which eight battleships, entering race boat crews of first enlistment, deck-force men, participated."

ROOSEVELT SAYS NAVY NEEDS HELP

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy has been quoted as follows, in the Washington Times of May 10, 1924:

"In the last war the United States Navy had approximately 500,000 officers and men. At this time we have in our regular service only approximately 93,000 officers and men. To fight a war corresponding to the last one we would therefore have to add more than 400,000 officers and men to our personnel. Meanwhile, our naval reserve is found to number only about 9,000."

"The citizen, accordingly, has two things he can do about the Navy. He can exhort his Congressman to close up the small gap of expense which exists between our Navy and its present deficiencies and our Navy in the perfection which it would have if those deficiencies were remedied by the appropriation of a small additional amount of money."

"That is the first thing that he can do. The second thing would be to go to the nearest recruiting station and take on the slender, but highly instructive and useful, duties of belonging to the naval reserve."

HEADQUARTERS TALKS

STANDING BY THE STUFF

By LIEUT. COL. HUGH MATTHEWS,
U. S. M. C.

Assistant Quartermaster

(Continued From Last Week)

Another large item of expenditure by the Quartermaster is the sum to cover cost of clothing and equipment for stock and issue from the Depot, Philadelphia. The largest item is the sum required to meet the cost of subsistence. Exercise of economy in the use of supplies of all kinds is one of the ways in which every Marine can help in making the appropriations go further. A saving in a water or light bill will make more money available for a much needed repair to a building. A saving in the use of articles of equipment means smaller purchase of such articles, and correspondingly larger sums for some needed improvement. Avoidance of waste of food may mean the saving of a sum that will make possible the purchase of a piece of much needed modern fighting equipment.

In this connection, mention is made of a matter respecting care of property that is frequently presented to the Quartermaster's Office, and that is the care of furniture. Surveys are received, for instance, on Wilton velvet rugs that have been in use only three or four years. The report of the board contains no evidence of misuse, but a mere statement is made that the rugs are unserviceable, and recommendation is made that the rugs be disposed of and replaced. A moment's reflection will convince anyone that officers' quarters cannot be kept furnished if the life of a Wilton velvet rug is not to exceed three or four years.

Another request, supported by plausible argument, frequently received in the Quartermaster's Office, and which, if approved, would result in heavy drains on appropriations, is the request that this, that, or some other organization be allowed to turn in all available stocks of some particular article in exchange for a like article of later date of manufacture. For instance, the Marine Corps secured recently a limited supply of a kind of khaki that is very much liked in the service. Since this material was received, there have been requests from a number of different stations that all khaki in stock of older manufacture be turned in and that new garments of this latest material be provided. One will advance the reason that his station is in a metropolis, and that his men are frequently called upon to parade and are observed by large multitudes. Another advances the reason that his detachment is on foreign station and under the eyes of the people of a foreign nation. Another detachment is aboard ship and goes from port to port.

All have good reasons, and all join in

the recommendation that the khaki turned in be turned over to the other fellow, whose service is less conspicuous. If any such plan as this had been our policy, sergeants' guards in out-of-the-way places would still be wearing the colonial uniform. The result of any such method of issue would be that whatever reserves we have would be made up of old turned-in stock, which would ultimately become a loss, and by and by it would be necessary to go to Congress with the request for money for an entirely new reserve, with no prospect of getting it.

Motor transportation is a matter in which every Marine who has anything to do with the operation of a motor vehicle can help out. The total cost of spare parts, tires, etc., for trucks, passenger cars, and motorcycles, operated in the Marine Corps during the fiscal year 1923, was \$245,025.18. It is believed that by careful cooperation, care, and better business methods a material saving can be effected in this item of expense. Every operator of a motor vehicle can contribute to this end by keeping the vehicle under his charge properly lubricated, cleaned, and by looking out for minor repairs, tightening nuts, and other like details, that require constant attention.

Take the same interest in the vehicle under your charge that you would take in your own car. A motor vehicle stops when it runs out of gas, and it would be a decided advantage if it would stop when it runs out of oil, or when some vital part is in need of lubrication.

In the effort to bring about improved conditions in the operation of motor transport, a mechanical inspection report form has been approved and issued to the service. The object of this report is to provide accurate information as to the mechanical condition of motor vehicles, upon which intelligent action can be taken in respect to repairs, salvage, or other disposition. The monthly motor vehicle report will show cost of repairs, cost of consumable supplies, total cost of operating vehicle, and what has been accomplished by the vehicle. This data will be valuable as a basis for comparison, and without such data it is impossible for anyone charged with the operation of motor transport to determine whether his transport is being economically operated.

There is still another feature of motor transport that will require attention, and that is the spare-part situation. The present method is to carry spare parts for motor vehicles as just so many spare parts. This sort of a record is of no value to the posts or to the Quartermaster's Office. It is hoped to provide at an early date for a set-up that will show at least the principal parts for motor vehicles on hand at stations and the numbers of such parts that have been used.

Requirements cannot be intelligently determined in the absence of information to show what is available, and what has been used during preceding period of fixed duration. Officers are now being trained for the maintenance and operation of motor transport, but the assistance and cooperation of every driver and every mechanic is necessary in order that we may have a more economical and more efficient motor transport service.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NEWS

The McLemore Marine Detachment of the Marine Corps League met for its annual Memorial Dinner at the Brazos Hotel, Houston, Texas, on June 6.

This is a big day in Marine Corps annals. On June 6, 1918, the 4th Marine Brigade launched its famous attack on the German position in the Bois de Belleau, France.

Several prominent speakers were on the program and everything was all set for a good meeting.

Marine Corps Leaguers may be interested in the announcement that the stenographic positions created by the passage of the adjusted compensation law are expected to last for from six to nine months, or possibly longer.

The salaries range from \$1,320 to \$1,500 a year for stenographer-typists and from \$1,140 to \$1,320 a year for typists. Permanent positions in the Departmental Service will also be filled from these examinations.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

THE LEATHERNECK has promised the National Adjutant that a whole page of the paper will be at the disposal of the League when the size of our publication has increased. The June 21 issue will have twelve pages, but we have no League material to print in this issue. GIVE US A LIFT!

BONUS FOR EX-OFFICERS

Ex-service officers who were discharged with a rank above that of captain may have some adjusted service credit coming to them, under the new adjusted compensation law, according to advices received at national headquarters of the American Legion from Washington.

During the time the officer served as captain or held a commission below that rank, he is entitled to adjusted service credit, his credit ceasing when he received the permanent or provisional promotion which placed him above the maximum rank. For instance, an officer holding a commission as captain when he entered the Army, and who served in that grade for a period of five months before being promoted to major, will be entitled to five months' adjusted service credit.

The same holds true of the Navy, where an officer served for a length of time either as lieutenant or some grade below lieutenant.

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WINNERS OF THE PRIZE CONTEST

THE LEATHERNECK is pleased to announce that the winners of the second Prize Contest have been selected. They are as follows:

First Prize: Cpl. H. Curtis Blackerby, U. S. M. C., Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C.

Second Prize, Sgt. Peter J. Schmid, U. S. M. C., Akron, Ohio.

Third Prize: Sgt. Cassius R. Baumgras, U. S. M. C., Atlanta, Ga.

The Prize Letter

THE LEATHERNECK's second prize contest was announced in the issue of February 6, 1924. The first prize was fixed at twenty dollars, the second at five dollars, and the third prize was five free subscriptions to THE LEATHERNECK.

The subject chosen was, "The Most Interesting Thing About Being a Marine." A large number of interesting letters were received, and while most of them would make very good reading, lack of space prevents printing any but Corporal Blackerby's letter.

Corporal Blackerby was recently transferred from the Business School, Marine Corps Institute, to First Aviation Group, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.

"The Thing I Like Best About Being a Marine"

By H. CURTIS BLACKERBY

I like the Marine Corps because it represents me as an American. My creeds, ideals, associations and spirit are manifested in the organization of fighting men whose life work scatters them to all parts of the compass.

Force, organization, individuality, courage, resourcefulness, system and good-fellowship are so intertwined in the average Marine's make-up that he is unable to renounce the many things the Marine Corps has taught him even when he returns to civil life. For this reason, it has been appropriately said, "Once a Marine, always a Marine."

When the applicant reaches training camp he first realizes that he must change many of his former habits. It is necessary that he literally "be born again" before he is a true Marine. This process of being born again means the acquisition of the "spirit" of the Marine Corps. This is the most difficult part of the entire life of a Marine. He must become a fit unit of the best fighting force in the world. In order to make the best quality of fighting man, it is necessary that the applicant be trained to the limit in making him a unit capable of enduring the utmost fatigue, subordination to military authority, and yet retain his personality.

There is danger at this point that the applicant in training will lose his individuality. Most Marines have too much aggressiveness to lose any personality. It is much better that a man be a well-trained Marine who is not entirely subservient to authority than to become so thoroughly merged with the feeling of subordination that he lacks that spirit of aggressiveness which is a twin brother of individuality.

The Marines have proved themselves aggressive enough to satisfy both friends and enemies. That they have demonstrated their ability to master the desirable civil and military subordina-

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MARINE BAND OPENS SUMMER SEASON

The first band concert of the summer season of 1924 was held in the Formal Garden at the Walter Reed Hospital Tuesday evening, June 10.

The Marine Band, under the direction of Capt. William H. Santelmann, leader, and Taylor Branson, second leader, rendered one of its characteristically splendid programs.

BONUS BILL TO BE PUBLISHED

Beginning with the next issue, THE LEATHERNECK will print, in two or three instalments, the Adjusted Compensation Law, as passed by the Congress.

This will be done for the information and guidance of those Marines and ex-Marines entitled to compensation under the Act, and to reduce to a minimum correspondence requesting information about the bonus.

It is hoped that the publication of the Act will enable subscribers to fill out their application blanks without further assistance, but THE LEATHERNECK is ready to help its readers to obtain answers to any questions that may arise.

Complete instructions for filling out the application blanks will be forwarded, together with the blanks, to commanding officers of all shore stations of the Marine Corps and officers in charge of all recruiting divisions and recruiting districts.

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, is not in a position to answer individual questions concerning the bonus, so readers of THE LEATHERNECK are asked to submit any questions arising direct to the editor of this publication, after they have referred to the sheet of instructions and have satisfied themselves that the desired information is not contained therein.

The Prize Letter

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tion to authority was illustrated by the latest incident in Marine Corps history. A few days ago Marines were fired upon in Honduras. They did not return the fire. This fact alone avoided serious diplomatic complications with a foreign government. Marines are better known for the spirit in which they carry out the principles of the Monroe Doctrine.

Life in the Marine Corps is desirable for many reasons. The red-blooded man who desires adventure, romance, and travel will find life in the Marine Corps very desirable. Marines are scattered to all parts of the globe. The Leatherneck may find himself guarding Americans within the heart of a negro republic, or in the midst of paganism. On the other hand, he may be leading a tame life at the Marine Corps Institute, or at Headquarters, and attending evening school in Washington, D. C., as many Marines are doing. The diversified life of a Marine cannot fail to attract the real, true American, who is the best aristocratic democrat living.

The writer likes the Marine Corps for the improvement it has made in his general education. He also likes the Corps for what it has done for others. His best pal obtained his preliminary education while in the Marine Corps, through the Marine Corps Institute. This pal is in the University of Virginia today, pursuing a chemical engineering course.

WEEKLY REPORT

Marine Corps Institute

JUNE 7, 1924

Total number individuals enrolled. 7,839

Number of examination papers received during week..... 1,290

Number of examination papers received during 1924..... 28,875

AN INVITATION

Students of the Marine Corps Institute are invited to visit the Institute when on leave in Washington, to drop in for any meal, and, when there are not too many of them, to pass the night. They are welcome visitors.

INSTITUTE INSTRUCTORS FIRE FOR RECORD

Two officers and forty instructors of the Marine Corps Institute left for Quantico Monday to fire for record on the range at that post. During the time they are absent from their regular duty there will be no formations at the Institute, and extra hours will be put in by the men who remain at the Barracks, in order that the work of the Institute may go forward without interruption.

Following is the list of men who made up this detail:

1st Lieutenant Childs, commanding, and 1st Lieutenant Bales. Sergeant Brownfield, acting 1st sergeant; Sergeants Brewster, Mikkleson, Salguero, Thomas, Wells, Wienker, Winders; Corporals Berghann, Brazek, Edgington, Evans, Fohner, Glenn, Bibson, Guilmet, Jennings, King, Kuczynski, Lukenbill, Mackert, Mallick, Nicholson, Plummer, Rafuse, Randall, Sample, Schmidt, Smith, Swider, Van Wormer, Vaughan, Wright; Privates 1st class Charles, Duke, Galt, Glavin, Hawkins, Lowe, Maciag, Marshall, Twardzik, McGiverin; Privates Atha, Abban, Anderson, Bayhi, Benson, Bowers, Brunson, Buettner, Chamberland, Chokey, Cramer, Crider, Dwyer, English, Cradigan, Joslin, Krah, Lansing, Lindeman, Lipe, Mahoney, Mann, Murray, Neill, Peterson, Robinson, Scallish, Thomas, Wagner, Wilson, Ficklin, Willard; Trumpeters Mitchell, Trowbridge.

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SECRETARY WILBUR AT ANNAPOLIS

Leadership not "dependent upon gold braid or gold lace or commission written upon parchment" but upon the personal attributes of officers, was urged by Secretary Wilbur in his speech to the Annapolis graduating class.

"Real leadership is based upon respect for the leader," the Secretary said, "and such leadership can only be achieved by the possession of powers worthy of respect. Professional ability and accomplishments are the best foundation for permanent leadership, but there is an altogether different basis of leadership which finds its source in the heart rather than in the head. Such leadership may command the ardent affection and even devotion of the follower."

The Secretary pointed out to the young officers that to them was to be committed, in some part, the destinies of the 86,000 enlisted men of the Navy.

"Unless your rule over them be tempered by firmness, justice, sympathy and courtesy," he said, "their services in many cases may be lost to the Navy. Remember especially that sarcasm or biting witticism at the expense of a subordinate, especially if he is an enlisted man and therefore incapable of retaliation, is unmanly and fatal to one's standing as an officer."

MARINES RECENTLY REENLISTING

Chester O. Johnston, 5-24-24, Boston.
William R. Hughes, 5-24-24, Washington.

Harry Weston, 5-26-24, San Diego.
Albert La Chapelle, 5-27-24, San Diego.

Herman Strauss, 5-27-24, Mare Island.
William Royal, 5-28-24, West Coast.

Walter Marsh, 5-28-24, Dover.
George W. Wooldridge, 5-29-24, Washington.

Frank Stubbe, 6-1-24, Philadelphia.
William A. Wells, 6-2-24, Philadelphia.

Frank J. Cohen, 6-2-24, Quantico.
Marvin T. Golden, 6-2-24, Quantico.

Willie B. Forister, 6-3-24, Philadelphia.
William Salter, 6-3-24, Quantico.

Morris Wasserman, 6-3-24, Washington.
William McG. Smith, 6-4-24, Washington.

Joseph E. Patchison, 6-4-24, West Coast.
Robert G. Crawford, 6-2-24, Pensacola.

Algie F. Carrier, 6-3-24, New Orleans.
Hiram J. Roush, 6-3-24, West Coast.

Edward B. Garrett, 6-4-24, Yorktown.
Samuel C. Jennette, 6-4-24, West Coast.

QUANTICO MARINE RETIRED

1st Sergt. Michael McSweeney, U. S. M. C., stationed at Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., is to be placed on the retired list of enlisted men of the U. S. Marine Corps next week.

On June 16, 1924, 1st Sergeant McSweeney will have completed thirty years and thirteen days' service in the Marine Corps.

The Warning of the Desert

By William A. Lawrence

THIS is the story of Bill Andrews—"Plain" Bill Andrews. The nickname had been coined by some boyhood chum and it had stuck through the years. It was both deserved and descriptive. For Bill was plain in appearance—plain in dress—plain in conversation—plain in everything he did.

Bill was twenty-seven when I first got to know him well—married the father of as fine a boy as you have ever seen.

Bill might have been a little further along in the world if he had had just a little more luck—or foresight—when he started. But like thousands of other men he had been forced to leave school and go to work while he was still young, and he had taken the first thing that came along.

He worked as hard as he knew how, but somehow or other he never seemed to get very far.

It was hard—terribly hard, sometimes—to make both ends meet—particularly when sickness came or there were other unexpected expenses. But Bill never gave up hope. You see, he had some "plain," old-fashioned courage, too.

Above everything else in the world, he wanted to go home some night and tell his wife of a raise in salary—of a promotion that would mean a happier, better home.

I wonder if there is a man anywhere who doesn't have that same ambition—that same hope!

But that increase in salary and that promotion never came. Indeed, once or twice, when things were slack, Bill came mighty near losing his job.

Then, one night Bill came across an advertisement that was to change his entire life. It told how other men just like himself had found a way to get out of the rut and make good in a big way—how every man has enough natural ability to make a success in some line of work if he will only find that work and study it.

There was nothing particularly new about the thought—it was something Bill had known and realized for years.

As a matter of fact, Bill had seen that advertisement and that familiar coupon many, many times before. For two years he had

been promising himself that he would cut it out and send it to Scranton. He knew that he ought to do it—that he should at least find out what the I. C. S. could do for him. But he never had!

And he might not have sent it this time, either, but for a few heart-stirring lines under a picture which he had seen called "The Warning of the Desert":

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countless millions who, at the Dawn of Victory,
sat down to wait, and waiting—died!"*

Bill read that over two or three times. "The Plains of Hesitation!" "Countless millions, who, at the Dawn of Victory, sat down to wait, and waiting—died!" These two phrases kept ringing in his ears. They worked their way into his very soul.

"That settles it," said Bill, with a finality that was unusual for him. "I'm tired waiting—I'm tired putting it off. This is my chance to get out of the rut, and I'm not going to overlook it again."

So that night Bill Andrews clipped the coupon he had seen so often—marked it—and mailed it to Scranton.

Bill told me the other day that he was surprised how interested he became in his lessons—of the personal interest the teachers at the I. C. S. took in him—how his employers learned about his studying and kept moving him up and up as fast as he was ready.

Bill is manager of his department now, and they tell me he's going to be a member of the firm some day. He certainly is a shining example of what any man with ambition can do if he only makes the start.

If the International Correspondence Schools can raise the salaries of men like Bill Andrews, they can raise yours. If these Scranton schools can help men like Bill Andrews to win the advancement that means a happier, better home, they can help you, too.

Believe me when I tell you that the most important thing you can do today is to send in that I. C. S. coupon. It is far better to send it in now than to wait a year—or five years—and then realize what the delay has cost you. Do it now!

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DEATHS

Officers

Hallenberg, Walter S., 1st Lieut.—Killed May 28, 1924, in aeroplane crash at Port-au-Prince, Republic of Haiti. Next of kind: Edmond D. Hallenberg, brother, 432 N. 26th St., Louisville, Ky.

Enlisted Men

Beale, Reginald H., Sergt.—Died May 8, 1924, at Washington, D. C., of disease. Next of kin: Phelina E. Beale, widow, 632 Quebec Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Bush, Ira Winton, Pvt.—Drowned May 3, 1924, in Ozama River, Santo Domingo City, D. R. Next of kin: Miss Azzie M. Bush, sister, R. R. No. 8, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Doran, John P., Pvt. 1st Class—Died May 10, 1924, at Santiago, D. R. Next of kin: John H. Doran, father, 823 W. Dominick St., Rome, N. Y.

Gravatte, Thomas S.—Gy. Sergt.—Died May 28, 1924, of disease at Washington, D. C. Next of kin: Marie D. Gravatte, widow, 2224 F St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Klerner, Louis A., Pvt.—Died May 7, 1924, of disease at Washington, D. C. Next of kin: Elizabeth Bocket, mother, 2721 Main St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Loftus, Thomas, Gy. Sergt.—Died May 18, 1924, at Peking, China. Next of kin: Sarah McCarrick, sister, Easton, Minn.

Meller, Albert W., Sergt.—Died May 13, 1924, of disease at Parris Island, S. C. Next of kin: Mrs. S. P. Steller, sister, 447 American Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Miller, John R., Pvt.—Died May 3, 1924, of disease at Washington, D. C. Next of kin: Mrs. Lavinia Smith, mother, 30 Fourth Ave., East Duluth, Minn.

Moore, George P., Gy. Sergt.—Died May 30, 1924, of injuries received in an aeroplane accident at Port-au-Prince, Republic of Haiti. Next of kin: Loretta M. Moore, widow, Port-au-Prince, Republic of Haiti.

MARINE CORPS ORDERS

June 3, 1924

Col. J. McE. Huey, A. A. & I.—Detached M. B., San Diego, Calif., to Headquarters, Dept. of the Pacific.
Capt. A. H. Turner—Detached Headquarters, Marine Corps, to 1st Brigade, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

1st Lieut. W. S. Hallenberg—Killed in

an aeroplane crash, on May 28, 1924, at Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
2d Lieut. R. A. Boone—Detached M. B., Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
Qm. Clerk H. H. Couvrette—Detached 2d Brigade, Santo Domingo, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
Qm. Clerk H. Halladay—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to 2d Brigade, Santo Domingo, D. R.

June 4, 1924

Col. C. C. Carpenter—Detached Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., to Naval War College, Newport, R. I.
Capt. T. G. Hunter—Detached Headquarters, Dept. of the Pacific, to M. B., Nyd., Puget Sound, Wash.
Capt. C. P. Gill—Detached Headquarters, Dept. of the Pacific, to M. B., San Diego, Calif.
2d Lieut. C. G. Stevens—Detached Headquarters, Dept. of the Pacific, to M. B., San Diego, Calif.

June 5, 1924

No orders are announced.

June 6, 1924

1st Lieut. Henry S. Hausman—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to M. B., N. A. D., St. Juliens Creek, Va.
1st Lieut. Eli Savage—Detached M. B., N. A. D., St. Juliens Creek, Va., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
Qm. Clerk Beane Eagan—Detached Dept. of the Pacific to M. B., Parris Island, S. C.
Col. Dion Williams has been appointed a brigadier general with rank from June 3, 1924.

June 7, 1924

Capt. James L. Underhill, A. Q. M.—On July 7, detached Dept. of the Pacific, to M. B., N. S., Cavite, P. I.

June 9, 1924

The following-named second lieutenants have been commissioned first lieutenants with rank as noted:
Bernard W. Pravitz, rank from 10th of April, 1923.
Edward A. Robbins, rank from 26th of April, 1923.
Max D. Smith, rank from 26th of July, 1923.
Jay D. Swartout, rank from 17th of August, 1923.
Ervin R. Whitman, rank from 17th of October, 1923.
Marvin V. Yandle, rank from 31st of October, 1923.
Pay Clerk John J. Reidy—Appointed pay clerk and detached M. D., A. L., Peking, China, to Office of the Assistant Paymaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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